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SUBJECT: NATO POLICY ON INTERCONNECTING NATO AND NATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

SUMMARY: THE US AND NICSMA ARE PROCEEDING TOWARD RESOLU-
TION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO INTERCONNECTION OF
NICS WITH US COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, NATO IS UN-
PREPARED ON THE POLICY SIDE TO RESPOND TO PROPOSALS FOR
SUCH INTERCONNECTIONS. THE US MEMBER OF THE JOINT C-E
WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) PROPOSED THAT THAT GROUP UNDERTAKE A
STUDY OF THE POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED. ALTHOUGH VERY RELUC-
TANT AT FIRST, THE JCEWG HAS NOW AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT
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IT BE TASKED TO DEVELOP A DRAFT NATO POLICY ON THESE SYS-
TEM INTERCONNECTIONS. WE WILL REQUEST GUIDANCE FOLLOWING
PUBLICATION OF THE PERTINENT DOCUMENT, THE JCEWG REPORT ON
CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. THROUGH A SERIES OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, THE US AND
NICSMA ARE APPROACHING SOLUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

OF AUTOVON-IVSN AND AUTODIN-TARE INTERCONNECTIONS. AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, NATO IS UNPREPARED ON THE POLICY SIDE TO RESPOND TO PROPOSALS FOR SWITCHED-SYSTEM INTERCONNECTIONS OF THESE TYPES. THE PERTINENT DOCUMENT, DPC/D(74)2, STATES THAT SUCH "RECIPROCAL USE" ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE TREATED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

2. AT THE MAY 6, 1977 MEETING OF THE JCEWG, THE US REP (GENTRY) RAISED THIS PROBLEM AND SUGGESTED THAT THE JCEWG SHOULD BEGIN TO LOOK INTO IT. THIS INTERVENTION PROMPTED A LENGTHY AND WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION. THE CANADIAN AND GERMAN REPS SUPPORTED THE US, IN GENERAL. OTHER REPS AND THE CHAIRMAN RESISTED THE US SUGGESTION. THEY VARIOUSLY CONTENDED, INTER ALIA, THAT DPC/D(74)2 IS ADEQUATE, THAT THE POLICY QUESTIONS ARE TOO DIFFICULT TO TACKLE, THAT THE JCEWG IS INCOMPETENT, THAT THERE IS NO VALIDATED MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR INTERCONNECTIONS, AND THAT THE POLICY IS SIMPLE: IF A NATION WANTS TO INTERCONNECT WITH NICS, THAT NATION PAYS.

3. THE DECISION SHEET FOR THIS JCEWG MEETING INACCURATELY RECORDED THE GIST OF THE DISCUSSION AND THE PROPOSAL BY THE US REP. CONSEQUENTLY, HE PREPARED A PAPER EXPANDING UPON HIS REMARKS AND REQUESTING AMENDMENT OF THE DECISION SHEET (SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED). THROUGH FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN, JCEWG, THE US REP CONVINCED HIM OF THE NEED TO REVIEW THE POLICY QUESTION INVOLVED

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AND OF THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE JCEWG TO INITIATE THE REVIEW. AS A RESULT, THE CHAIRMAN, JCEWG INCLUDED THE US PROPOSAL IN THE DRAFT REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS (AC/270(WG/1)-WP(59)). ALSO DG NICSMA (BY LETTER NICSMA/SPED/CPB(77)146) FULLY SUPPORTED THE NEED TO CLARIFY THE POLICY QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY PERTAIN TO INTERCONNECTION OF THE NICS WITH NATIONAL TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. FURTHER, THE CANADIAN JCEWG MEMBER (MACKAY) HAS INFORMED US THAT CANADA FULLY SUPPORTS THE US INITIATIVE, WISHING FOR THE JCEWG TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDED POLICY TO THE NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE (NJCEC) FOR CONSIDERATION AT ITS SPRING 1978 MEETING.

4. WHEN THE JCEWG FIRST CONSIDERED AC/270(WG/1)-WP/59, NO MEMBER OBJECTED TO THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE JCEWG UNDERTAKE THIS POLICY REVIEW. AT THE NEXT JCEWG MEETING (HELD ON JULY 14, 1977), THE US MEMBER OFFERED A REVISION TO THIS WORKING PAPER, INTER ALIA, TO STRENGTHEN THE PORTIONS DEALING WITH THIS POLICY REVIEW. THE JCEWG ACCEPTED THE REVISION. (FYI. THE US ALSO PROPOSED REVISIONS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE WORKING PAPER, SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL TONE AND THRUST OF THE REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

END FYI.)

5. WE FORESEE THAT SOME OF THE ISSUES EMERGING FROM A STUDY TO DEVELOP A NATO POLICY ON INTERCONNECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS MAY REACH HIGH LEVELS OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS. WE ARE BEGINNING TO SENSE AN AROUSAL OF PROTECTIONIST ATTITUDES IN THE PTT'S OF SOME ALLIED NATIONS AS MORE INTERCONNECTIONS ARE BEING PROPOSED. FURTHER, THERE ARE A FEW OFFICIALS IN KEY POSTS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE WHO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE ANTIQUATED VIEW THAT LARGE, INTEGRATED SYSTEMS ARE MILITARILY UNACCEPTABLE. "A COMMANDER CAN RELY N ONLY THAT WHICH HE OWNS," IS THEIR ARGUMENT. IN OUR VIEW, THE

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TIME HAS COME FOR THE ALLIES TO RECOGNIZE OFFICIALLY THE BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM INTERCONNECTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS BY ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO COVER IT.

6. WHEN THE REVISED VERSION OF AC/270(WG/1)-WP/59 IS ISSUED, WE WILL SEND OUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON IT. WE WILL REQUEST GUIDANCE AT THAT TIME. BENNETT

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